

REMARKS

In a Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, the Examiner alleges that the amendment filed on May 10, 2002, to remove Figures 10 through 12 from the specification is non-responsive because no explanation for removal of the drawings from the specification was provided, such an amendment to the specification therefore constituting an issue of new matter.

Applicants wish to reinstate Figures 10 through 12. Applicants will submit a corresponding sequence listing within a month of this Response. Figures 13, 14 and 15, which had been renumbered as Figures 10, 11 and 12 respectively in a prior Response, have been amended to restore the original numbering.

Because the Figures were presented in the originally filed application, Applicants assert that no new matter is presented by these amendments and respectfully request entry of the same.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Applicants believe all pending claims are now in condition for examination. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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